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SUBJ: AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION ILO
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL

1. SUMMARY: AFRICAN MINISTERS' LABOR CONFERENCE CALLS FOR
ILO TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL.
LIBYAN BRIFERY OF DELEGATES ALLEGED. UNDP/ILO

REPRESENTATIVE DESCRIBES CONFERENCE AS "DISMAL FAILURE." LIBYANS ALLEGEDLY PLANNING TO RECRUIT AFRICAN LABOR TO REPLACE ANTICIPATED EXPULSION OF LARGE NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS. END SUMMARY

2. IN ITS CLOSING SESSION APRIL 28, AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS AND DELEGATES, UNANIMOUSLY CALLED UPON THE ILO TO IMPLEMENT ITS 1974 RESOLUTION WHICH CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR "THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PERSECUTION OF ARAB WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES." THE DELEGATES ALSO ASKED THE ILO TO CLEARLY INDICATE, PRIOR TO THE ILO'S GENERAL MEETING NEXT MONTH IN GENEVA, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ILO INTENDS TO COMMIT ITSELF TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. ACCORDING TO UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE DR. IBRAHIM ADLY (PORTECT), THE LIBYAN DELEGATION BRIBED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF AFRICAN MINISTERS AND DELEGATES TO MAKE THE REQUEST THAT THE ILO IMPLEMENT ITS 1974 DECISION CONDEMNING ISRAEL. ADLY STATED THAT HE, AS WELL AS THE ILO REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALGIERS AND ADDIS ABABA, CONSIDERED THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE "A DISMAL FAILURE." ADLY INDICATED THAT LIBYA'S OFFER TO RECRUIT AFRICAN LABOR ALSO PLAYED A CONSIDERABLE ROLE IN INFLUENCING THE AFRICAN DELEGATES TO MAKE IMPLEMENTATION REQUEST OF THE ILO.

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4. IN A FRENZIED ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE AGENDA ITEMS, DELEGATES HURRIEDLY ACCEPTED THE SECRETARIAT REPORTS ON LABOR, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY, RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ILO, AND REPORTS TO VARIOUS AFRICAN LABOR GROUPS. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATES WERE UNABLE TO RESOLVE THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA - THE CREATION OF AN AFRICAN LABOR ORGANIZATION. INSTEAD, THE LABOR MINISTERS MET IN CLOSED SESSION AND DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF LIBYA, NIGERIA, GUINEA, ZAIRE, C.A.E., ZAMBIA, ALGERIA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO STUDY THE QUESTION. THE LIBYAN MINISTER OF LABOR AL MAHJUB WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ALSO ELECTED GHANAIAN MINISTER OF LABOR JOY K. AMEDUNE AS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THEIR 1978 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TUNIS.

5. SPECULATION OF LIBYA'S INTENTION TO RECRUIT

AFRICAN LABOR WAS FURTHER HEIGHTENED AMIDST RUMORS
THAT QADHAFI WILL ANNOUNCE THIS EVENING HIS
DECISION TO EXPEL EGYPTIAN WORKERS. MAY 1 LOCAL
PRESS QUOTES RESPONSIBLE SOURCE OF GENERAL PEOPLE'S
COMMITTEE THAT LIBYA IS "DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THE
RIGHT COURSE IS TO RETURN THE EGYPTIAN WORKERS TO
THEIR COUNTRY IN ORDER NOT TO GIVE SADAT AND HIS
GOVERNMENT A CHANCE TO PLAY WITH FIRE." STATEMENT
OF GENERAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE SOURCE REFLECTS GROWING
LOCAL SENTIMENT THAT SADAT INTENDS TO USE WELFARE
OF RESIDENT EGYPTIANS AS PRETEXT FOR INVADING LIBYA.
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